

2 Fliers' Release Cheers Powers

Milledgeville, Ga., March 7 (AP)—

The wife of the U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers says her husband wrote her he was happy and proud that two American RB-47 fliers were recently freed from a Moscow prison.

"But he felt left out because he wasn't included," Mrs. Powers added. "and he hasn't lost hope."

"We both realize, though, that his situation is entirely different," she said. "My husband was tried and sentenced and the RB-47 pilots were never tried by the Soviet Union."

Mrs. Powers referred to Capt. John McKone and Freeman Olson, instead of the Air Force released January 25 after nearly seven months of solitary confinement. They were the only known survivors of the plane's six-man crew, shot down over the Barents Sea near the Russian border last July.

Powers, 31, was tried as a spy under Soviet law and sentenced to ten years after his plane was forced down deep in Soviet territory last May. Russia claimed—and the United States admitted—that Powers was on an intelligence mission when his high-altitude unarmed observation plane went down.

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